

Ledding Library News

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Ledding Library History and Service

The Ledding Library has a quarter of a million visits every year. The Ledding Library was built in 1964 and has served the people of Milwaukie for over 50 years. When the current Ledding Library building first opened, Milwaukie had only 10,000 residents. The library has not been significantly improved since 1987. Today, the city has more than 20,000 residents, but the library has not expanded to meet demand that has more than doubled in the past 50 years. Last year, the library offered 663 programs for children, adults, seniors, and local businesses with more than 19,000 people in attendance—nearly the entire population of the City of Milwaukie. As our city continues to grow, demand for additional space for educational programming in the library is outpacing its ability to supply it.

Recently, the Milwaukie City Council voted unanimously to refer a bond measure to the voters on this May's ballot to invest in needed improvements, repairs, space and updates to the library. The bond measure would authorize the city to issue up to \$9.2 million to pay for improvements to the library and the Pond House.



Food for Fines Promotion Huge Success

This year's celebration of National Library Week resulted in over 3,040 pounds of food being donated, waiving \$2,689 in fines for Milwaukie patrons. A win-win for patrons and the community of Milwaukie, it clearly showed the large impact libraries make in the lives of patrons and others within the community every day.

Plant Sale Reminder

This is a sale that you won't want to miss! The Friends 13th Annual Plant Sale is on Saturday, May 7th, from 9am to 4pm at the Pond House.

The Movie Maven: Based on a True Story, Films From Real Life

Hollywood is not known for its originality. Remakes and sequels are the cash cows of the movie industry. There are stories from real life, however, that are so compelling that they beg for the big screen. Although names and incidents may be changed for poetic license, these movies all began as non-fiction:

All The President's Men (1976): Two Washington Post reporters uncover the Watergate Scandal that leads to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. This film was so intent on realism that it can truly act as a history lesson.

Born on The Fourth of July (1989): Tom Cruise won a Golden Globe for his sensitive and courageous portrayal of Ron Kovic, an all American boy who was paralyzed in Vietnam and went on to form the Vietnam Veterans against the War.

Schindler's List (1993): Director Steven Spielberg is a genius at introducing us to little known heroes and this film is his masterpiece. Oskar Schindler, a prominent German businessman

and member of the Nazi party, finds a way to save the lives of over a thousand Jews by employing them in his munition factory. A must see.

Goodfellas (1990): Simply the greatest mob movie of all time, Martin Scorsese's adaptation of the book, *Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family* details Henry Hill's rise in the New York mob. From the acting to the vivid soundtrack, this film is brilliant in every way.

Milk (2008): Portland director Gus Van Sant brought to the screen this touching story of gay activist and the first openly gay elected official in California, Harvey Milk. Sean Penn won an Oscar for his moving performance.

The Wind Rises (2013): This lovely animated film tells the story of Jiro Horikoshi, who fails at his dream of being a pilot, but goes on to become one of the world's most pioneering and accomplished airplane designers. Find it in our foreign movie section.

Big Eyes (2014): Starring Amy Adams and Christoph Waltz, *Big*

Eyes tells the little known story of artist Margaret Keane, whose paintings of children with large eyes became a pop sensation in the 1960s. Her husband, Walter, took credit for her art, causing fierce legal battles.

Chicago (2002): Yes! This jazz age musical is based on actual events. Murderesses Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger) meet on death row and attempt to use fame to cheat the gallows. This award-winning play is a great film adaptation by director Rob Marshall.

127 Hours (2010): Climber Aron Ralston's remarkable story of survival is given great treatment by director Danny Boyle and actor James Franco. After being trapped by a boulder in an isolated canyon, Aron spends the next five days evaluating his life and doing whatever is necessary to save it.

In the movies, truth is often more fascinating than fiction. Check out one of our true story DVDs today!

~Amelia Heintz

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Programs for Adults

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For Children's Programs visit:

www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Every Monday - Crafty Writers and Readers - 7pm in the Fiction Room. Once a week, we will meet, study, critique, write, and share.

Mondays by appointment - Library2Go & 3M Help - Use your laptop, tablet, eReader or smart phone to access digital books. Schedule an appointment, contact Robert at 503-786-7546 or lanxonr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

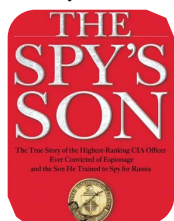


Every Thursday - Knit Nite 6:30pm in the Fiction Room. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels welcome.

Fridays & Saturdays - Friends of the Ledding Library Pond House Used Book Store - 11am to 4pm.

Every Sunday May through October - Friends' Book Booth - 9am to 2pm at City Hall. During the Milwaukie Farmers Market the Friends sell lightly used books, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

May 1st - Adults Who Color - 1pm in the Fiction Room. Unleash your creative side with coloring. Join this informal group of artistic folks at an adult coloring hour at the library.



May 5th - Ledding Cultural Forum: Author Bryan Denson - 7pm at the Pond House. Denson will present on his book *The Spy's Son*.



May 6th - First Friday, Open Mic - 6pm to 7:15pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Hosted by the Milwaukie Poetry Series featuring a local different community group each month at the beginning of the evening and finishing with a public open mic.

May 7th - Annual Friends of the Ledding Library Plant Sale - 9am to 4pm at the Pond House. Perennials, annuals, vegetables, native plants, trees, indoor plants, yard art, garden treasures, Mother's Day gifts and much more.



May 7th - Xbox One Gaming - 11am to 5pm in the Young Adult Section.

May 11th - Magic the Gathering - 6pm to 8pm in the Young Adult Section.



May 11th - Poetry Reading: Cindy Williams Gutierrez - 7pm at the Pond House. Reading from her book *The Small Claim of Bones* and sharing some of her other work.

May 18th - Milwaukie/Sellwood Book Club 7pm to 8pm in the Fiction Room. Join the club by emailing MilSell-BookClub@gmail.com, or message on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/524187287706485/>.



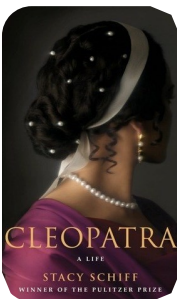
May 19th - Film Night: showing the film *Meek's Cutoff* - 6:30pm at the Pond House.

* *Meek's Cutoff*: During the 1840s, six settlers and their guide are caught in a dangerous situation: They are lost, food and water are running out, and the surrounding desert threatens to claim them all. Meanwhile, their guide, Stephen Meek (Bruce

Greenwood), refuses to acknowledge that they may be several weeks off-course. When a Native American (Rod Rondeaux) is captured, Emily Tetherow (Michelle Williams), one of the settlers, shields him from Meek's wrath, and he offers to lead the group to water in return.

Learn more about the screen-writer Jon Raymond at <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library/jon-raymond> and meet Jon Raymond by attending the Thursday, June 2nd, Ledding Cultural Forum at 7pm in the Pond House.

May 25th - Dominion - 6pm to 8pm in the Young Adult Section.



May 25th - Ledding Book Club - 7pm to 8pm in the Fiction Room. This month we will read *Cleopatra: A Life*, by Stacy Schiff. Join this wild group of book lovers for an interesting hour of book discussion and review.



May 30th - The Library will be closed all day for Memorial Day.

Bookish quotes...

"I just got out of the hospital. I was in a speed-reading accident. I hit a bookmark."

~Steven Wright

"Sleep is good, He said, And books are better."

~ George R.R. Martin

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